

April 7, 2014

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Bajaj led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Bajaj, Furey, Habel, Herring,
Rudolph, Sargent, and Chairperson Siani.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Semaan, Associate Engineer Sedadi, and
Torrance Police Sergeant Koenig.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5a. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2014 AND MARCH 3, 2014

Minutes were not available.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

Chairperson Siani explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Engineering Manager Semaan informed the Commission that Items 7.a and 7.b were mistakenly switched on the agenda.

7a. TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2013 YEAR IN REVIEW

Associate Engineer Sedadi reviewed Traffic Commission matters of 2013 in the material of record. She highlighted the two joint meetings with City Council on January 15 and July 16, 2013, the introduction of new Work Plan items, and Commission items

regarding Via Corona. She stated that the Year in Review would go to City Council for their review.

In response to Commissioner Sargent's inquiry regarding the May 6, 2013 item Presentation of Cravens Avenue Improvement Project, Engineering Manager Semaan stated that the design is complete; however, Federal funding for the construction has been removed and Metro is trying to find alternative funding sources.

Commissioner Sargent inquired about the status of Via Corona, and Engineering Manager Semaan advised that the residents have not hired a geotechnical engineering firm yet.

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved to receive and file the Traffic Commission 2013 Year in Review. Commissioner Habel seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

**7b. TRAFFIC COMMISSION 2014 WORK PLAN – SECOND PRIORITY:
STAGGER LIMIT LINES FOR DOUBLE LEFT TURN MOVEMENTS**

Associate Engineer Sedadi provided background, presented an updated matrix in Attachment A, and recommended that the Commission concur with the developed policy regarding "Stagger Limit Line for Double Left Turn Movements."

Responding to Commissioner Habel's inquiry regarding the "Programmed Fiscal Year" column in the matrix, Engineering Manager Semaan explained that the year refers to when a project is programmed into the capital budget, not its implementation.

In response to Commissioner Sargent's inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan explained how staff creates a list of projects for consideration for the five-year capital budget. He pointed out that the capital budget was approved by City Council before the Staggered Limit Lines policy was developed, and there is no current project that applies. He noted that, during the next two-year period, it would be possible for viable intersections to be considered as stand-alone projects or with other projects being bought forward. He added that an intersection would be addressed immediately if there is a safety issue.

MOTION: Commissioner Herring moved to concur with the developed policy regarding the installation of "Stagger Limit Line for Double Left Turn Movements" as presented. Commissioner Bajaj seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Herring thanked Commissioner Furey for bringing this issue to the Commission for consideration.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

8a. Engineering Manager Semaan announced that he is meeting with Caltrans on April 8, 2014 regarding 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

8b. Engineering Manager Semaan informed Commissioners that construction of Protected Permissive Left Turn signals is scheduled for June 2014.

8c. Responding to Commissioner Rudolph's inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan stated that design of the Transit Center is near completion and that consultants are working on the final set of plans.

8d. Commissioner Rudolph inquired about a right turn overlap at 182nd Street and Prairie Avenue and Engineering Manager Semaan explained that it is not a good idea when there is heavy pedestrian traffic and that there is not enough right-of-way for installation.

8e. Commissioner Habel asked staff to look at the length of the green signal during rush hour going north/south on Arlington Avenue at Sepulveda Boulevard.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:45 p.m., Commissioner Sargent moved to adjourn the meeting to May 5, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Furey seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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Approved as submitted May 5, 2014 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
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